



FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION

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Office of Inspector General

A MESSAGE FROM THE DEPUTY INSPECTOR GENERAL

The past six month reporting period has been productive for the Federal Election Commission (FEC) Office of Inspector General (OIG). The *Audit of the FEC's Fiscal Year 2018 Financial Statement* was begun and work on the *Audit of Contract Management and Oversight* was continued. An audit peer review of the Postal Regulatory Commission Office of Inspector General was completed and a report issued. The semiannual Review of Outstanding Recommendations was completed, and one investigation was closed during this reporting period, as well.

The FEC OIG conducted its annual risk assessment and held its annual work planning meeting in June 2018, and significant progress was made on redesigning the OIG's public webpage. OIG staff completed training in EEOC law, internal controls, enterprise risk management, analysis techniques for auditors, and in other areas. Carla Smith, Counsel to the Inspector General and Chief Investigator, was invited to participate in the Law Enforcement and Government Alliance round table at the 2018 annual conference of the Association of Certified Fraud Examiners, which brings together anti-fraud professionals from around the world. She participated in a panel discussion of OIG challenges including, hiring, report writing, and staff morale.

The position of Inspector General has been vacant for over a year and a half since the retirement of the former Inspector General in March 2017. Throughout this reporting period, the OIG staff has continued to perform exceptionally well and has taken on tasks beyond their normal duties, in part due to office vacancies. Their dedication to their work and involvement in the Federal IG community is exemplary.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "J. Cameron Thurber", is positioned above the typed name.

J. Cameron Thurber
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